interaction with the entrepreneurs, financial institutions and State Governments.

(e) As per present policy, industrial licence is not required for setting up new steel plants, except when they are proposed to be set up within a radius of 25 kms from the periphery of urban agglomerations having a population of more than 10 lakh according to 1991 census.

The total installed capacity for crude steel production in this country is about 32.97 million tonnes per annum.

[English]

Railway Reservation by Private Agencies

*31. SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL :
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the railway stations where computerised reservation facilities have been provided during 1996-97, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the railway stations which are proposed to be provided with computerised reservation facilities during 1997-98, zone-wise particularly in tribal areas of Gujarat;

(c) whether the Government propose to authorise Private Agencies also for Railway reservation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons why the passengers are being compelled to do reservation from only the railway counters; and

(f) the reasons for not allowing the Private Agencies to set up computerised Reservation Terminals as is done by the Airlines to ease the rush in centralised reservation office ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Details of the locations where computerised reservation facilities have been provided during 1996-97, zone-wise, are enumerated below :

Central Railway

Bina

Ahmadnagar

Saugor

Wardha

Ghatkopar (Satellite of Mumbai)

Ajni (Satellite of Nagpur)

Chinchwad (Satellite of Pune)

Shankarsheth -do-

Pune Cantt. -do-

Eastern Railway

*Barddhaman

*Baharampur (Satellite of Calcutta)

*Krishnanagar -do-

*Kalyani -do-

*Naihati -do-

Patna Sahib (Satellite of Patna)

South Central Railway

Cuddapah

Benz Circle (Satellite of Vijayawada)

North Eastern Railway

*Lal Kuan

Darbhanga

Izatnagar

*Sonpur

Hajipur

*Varanasi City (Satellite)

Allahabad City (Satellite)

Lucknow City Station (Satellite)

Khagaria

Saharsa

Northern Railway

Rishikesh

Panipat

Lajpat Nagar (Satellite of Delhi)

IGI Airport -do-

*Gurgaon	(Satellite of Delhi)
Prayag	(Satellite of Allahabad)

Southern Railway

Shencottah	
Alleppey	
Mettupalayam	
Nagercoil	
Kanyakumari	
Madurai City	(Satellite of Madurai)
Yashwantpur	(Satellite of Bangalore)
Malleshwaram	-do-
Koramangala	-do-
Banashankari	-do-

Western Railway

Bharuch	
Nadiad	
*Sabarmati	
Sikar	
Gandhinagar	(Satellite of Jaipur)

South Eastern Railway

*Gondia	
Shalimar	(Satellite of Calcutta)
Bokaro Steel City	(Satellite of Bokaro)
M.V.P. Colony	(Satellite of Visakhapatnam)
Naval Base at Visakhapatnam	-do-
Gajuwaka	-do-
Itwari	(Satellite of Nagpur)
Chandrasekharpur	(Satellite of Bhubaneshwar)

(Non Rail-head State Capitals)

Agartala	
Kohima	
Gangtok	
*Aizawl	
*Itanagar	
Imphal	

* Included in the Annual Plan for 1996-97 and made operational by 30.6.97.

(b) The details of computerised reservation offices which have been approved in the Annual Plan 1997-98, including some works in progress from the previous year, are enumerated below :

Central Railway

Banda	
Rewa	
Devlali	
Chandrapur	
Bailarshah	
Vashi	(Satellite of Mumbai)
Chembur	-do-
Girgaon CBO	-do-
Ambernath	-do-

Eastern Railway

Bandel	(Satellite of Calcutta)
Barasat	-do-
Kidderpore	-do-
Behala	-do-
Shyambazar	-do-
Barrackpore	-do-
Rajendranagar	(Satellite of Patna)

South Central Railway

Hospet	
Renigunta	
Chirala	
Samalkot	
Central University Campus, Hyderabad	

A.P. Agricultural University Campus, Hyderabad

North Eastern Railway

Nainital

Raxaul

Northern Railway

Modinagar

Sonipat

Mirzapur

Hoshiarpur

Muzaffarnagar

Kotdwara

Shakurbasti (Satellite of Delhi)

Sarai Rohilla -do-

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi -do-

ISBT Delhi -do-

Subzi Mandi Delhi -do-

Charbag (Satellite of Lucknow)

Lucknow University -do-

Tourist Bureau Jodhpur (Satellite of Jodhpur)

Mahamandir Jodhpur -do-

Southern Railway

Tirur

Tiruvalla

Sivakasi

Madras Luz Corner (Satellite of Madras)

Madras St. Thomas Mount -do-

Madras Mount Road -do-

IIM Bangalore (Satellite of Bangalore)

Yelahanka -do-

Trichy Fort (Satellite of Trichy)

Satellite Location at Ernakulam

Satellite Location at Trivandrum

Western Railway

Mhow

Navsari

Valsad

Porbandar

Surendranagar

Jhunjhunu

Bandra (Satellite of Mumbai)

Vasai Road -do-

Virar -do-

Malad -do-

Udhna (Satellite of Surat)

Alkapuri West (Satellite of Baroda)

Jaipur University CBO (Satellite of Jaipur)

Devi Ahilya University, Indore (Satellite of Indore)

South Eastern Railway

Bankura

Adra

Vizianagaram

Jharsuguda

Balasore

Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

Sambalpur Road

Ranchi University

Midnapur

Visakhapatnam City Booking Office

Satellite location at Rourkela

Satellite location at Puri

Non Rail-head State Capitals

(Kavaratti, Androth and Minicoy Islands)–Lakshadweep

Provision of computerised passenger reservation faclilities is an on-going process and these facilities are provided at stations as per norms and subject to the availability of funds.

(c) and (d) For convenience of those passengers who cannot go to the Railway Reservation Office for purchasing the tickets, Ministry of Railways have framed a scheme known as Authorisation of Rail Travellers Service Agents (RTSA). The RTSAs appointed under the scheme act on behalf of passengers for purchase of travel ticket and arranging passenger reservations from the Railway Reservation Offices by standing in a queue like a normal passenger.

(e) and (f) The reasons are :

(i) Mismatch between demand and supply position during the peak rush period which could lead to cornering of accommodation.

(ii) Need to protect the computer system and software from unauthorised access.

[Translation]

Monitoring of Funds under Employment Assurance Scheme

*32. SHRI VIDYASAGAR SONKER : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether effective monitoring of funds provided to the States under the Employment Assurance Scheme, is done;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether labourers in the rural areas get employment and development of rural areas is taking place as per the Government's plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Level Coordination Committee for the Rural Development Programmes is responsible for the overall supervision, guidance and monitoring of EAS. The States are also required to constitute a District EAS Committee in every district and a Block EAS Committee in blocks covered under the EAS, The membership of the Committees includes district level officers of the implementing agencies, MPs, MLAs and NGOs. Similarly, at the block level, the membership of the Committees comprises block level officers of the implementing agencies, MPs, MLAs and NGOs etc. These Committees are required to supervise the implementation of EAS within their jurisdiction in accordance with the EAS guidelines and suggest to the State Government Steps which in their opinion are necessary for more effective implementation of the Scheme. At the Central Leve, the scheme is monitored through monthly, half yearly and annual progress reports. Apart from this, Senior Officers of the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, Department of Programme Implementation and Planning Commission also visit States and districts under the Area Officers Scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Employment Assurance Scheme aims at providing assured employment of 100 days of unskilled manual work to the rural poor who are in need of employment and seeking it, besides creation of economic infrastructure and community assets for sustained employment generation. The assurance of 100 days employment extends to men and women over 18 years and below 60 years of age. A maximum of two adults per family would be provided this assurance of 100 days employment under this scheme if and when they seek it during lean agricultural season. Central assistance of Rs. 5577.22 crores has been released to the concerned States/UTs (since inception till end of May, 1997). The number of persons registered in various States/UTs is 269,92 lakhs. The employment generated is 10953.33 lakh mandays upto May 1997 since inception.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Funds to CSIR for R&D

*33. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA :
SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has drawn up a programme to modernise and strengthen its R&D and demanded more funds therefor during Ninth Plan;